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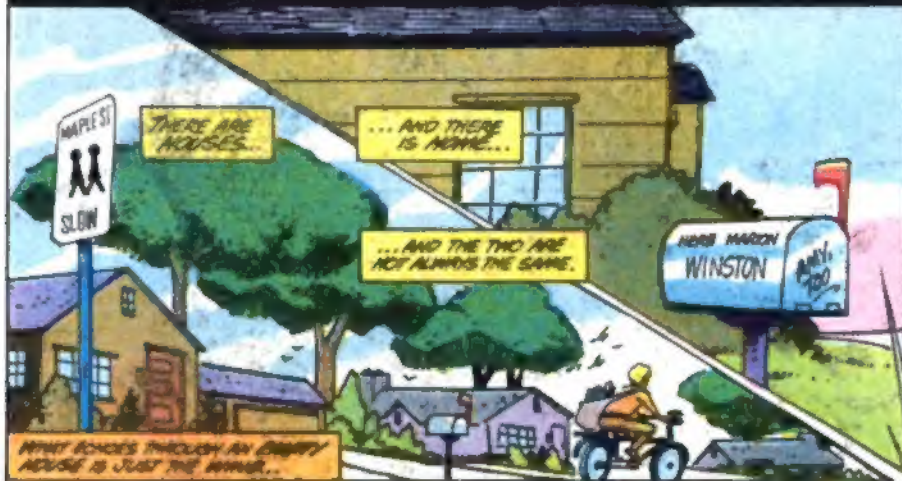
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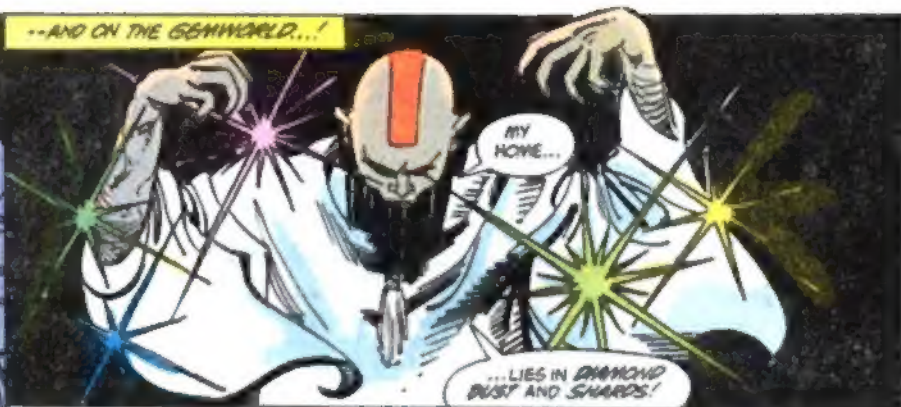


THERE'S NO
STOPPING
US NOW.



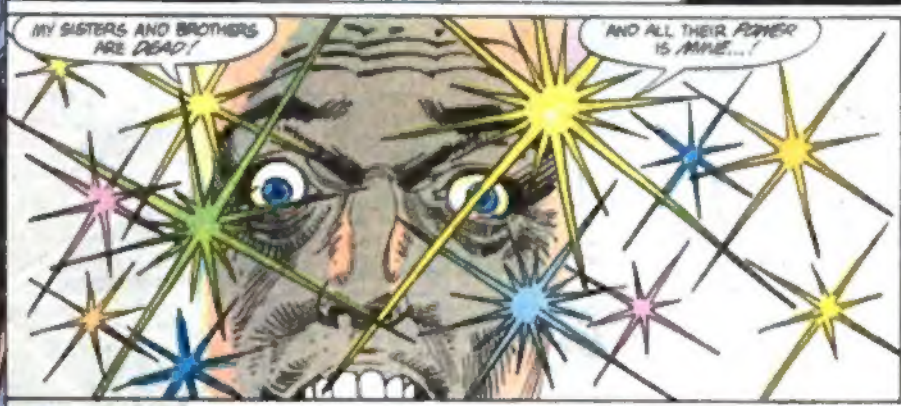
...ON EARTH--

--AND ON THE GEMWORLD...



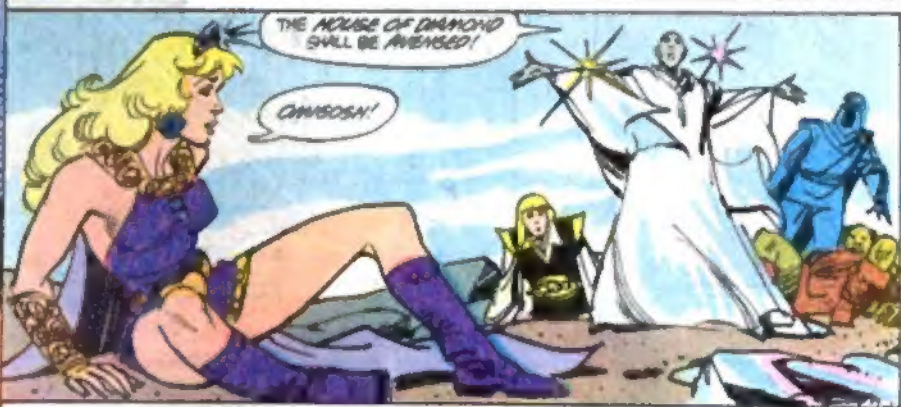
MY HOME...

...LIES IN DIAMOND DUST AND SHARDS!



MY SISTERS AND BROTHERS ARE DEAD!

AND ALL THEIR POWER IS MINE...



THE AVENGE OF DIAMOND SHALL BE AVENGED!

CHIBOSH!

AMETHYST

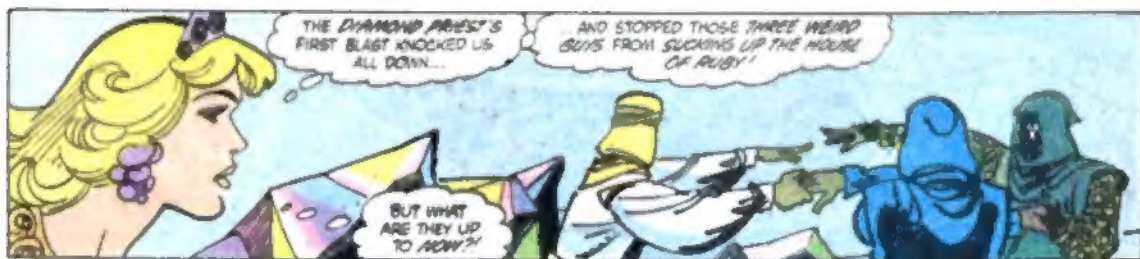
PRINCESS OF GEMWORLD

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THE DIAMOND PRIEST'S FIRST BLAST KNOCKED US ALL DOWN...

AND STOPPED THOSE THREE WEIRD GUYS FROM SUCKING UP THE HOUSE OF RUBY!

BUT WHAT ARE THEY UP TO NOW?!



WE MUST NOT LET THE STRANGERS RESUME THEIR ATTACK!

EASIER SAID THAN DONE, LORD GARNET! THEY'VE SHRUGGED OFF ALL OUR EFFORTS UP TILL NOW!

BUT IF THE DIAMOND PRIEST IS AS POWERFUL AS HE SAYS...



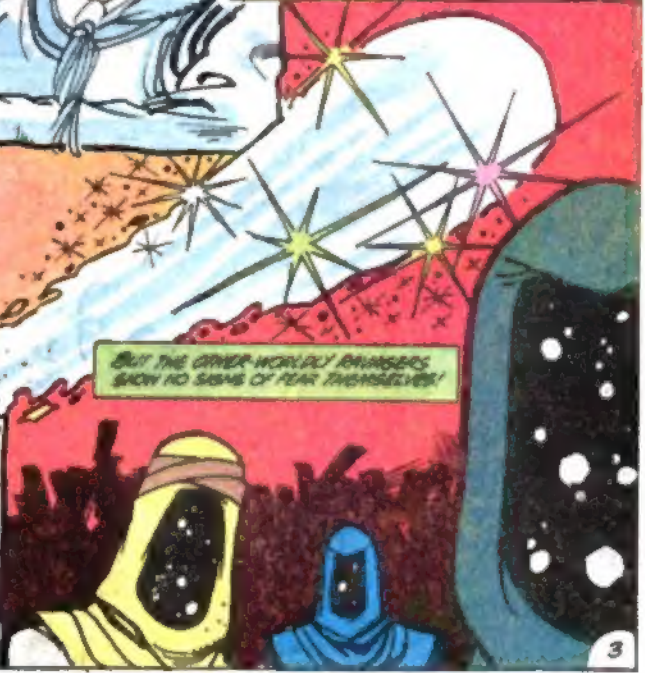
I AM, PRINCESS ARWYNIST... FOR I ALONE NOW WIELD MY GEN'S PURE MARCH!



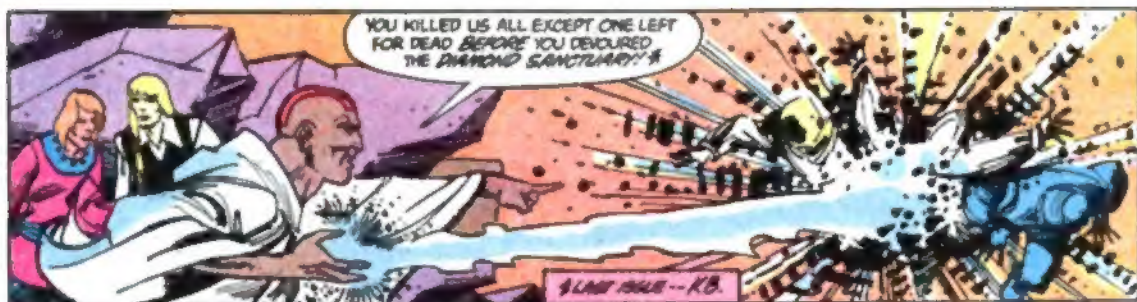
THEN USE IT, PRIEST.. LEST DARK CARL'S ASSENTS CARRY THE DAY WHILE WE STAND TALKING!

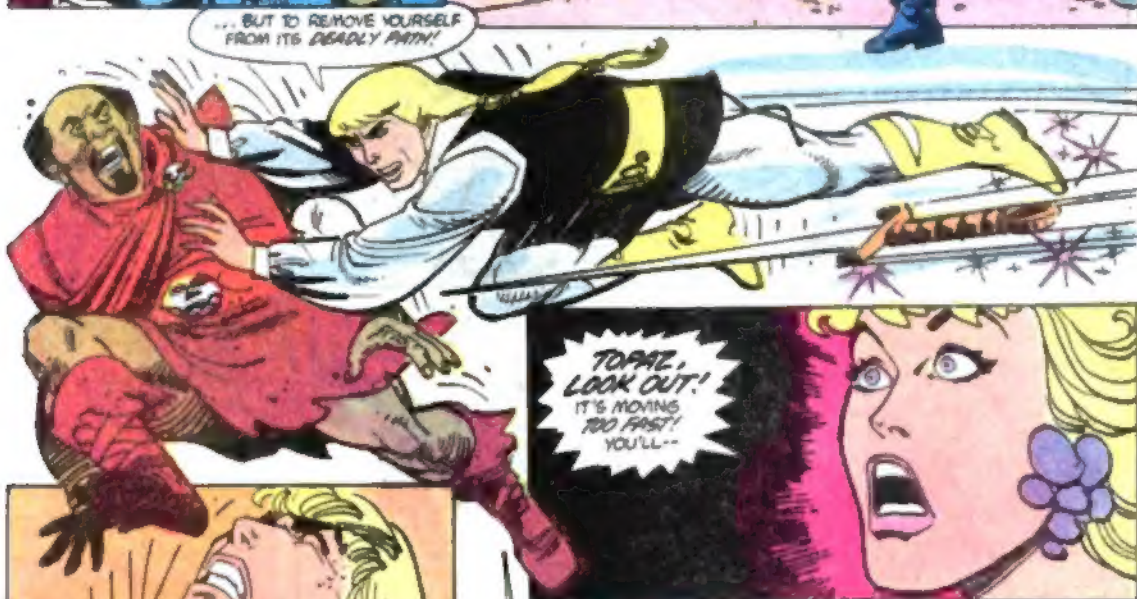


FEAR NOT, YOUNG PRINCE, I WILL ACT UPON MY WORDS!



BUT THE OTHER-WORLDLY RANGERS SHOW NO SIGNS OF FEAR THEMSELVES!

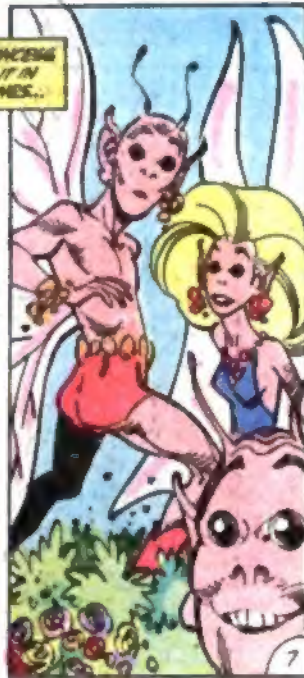
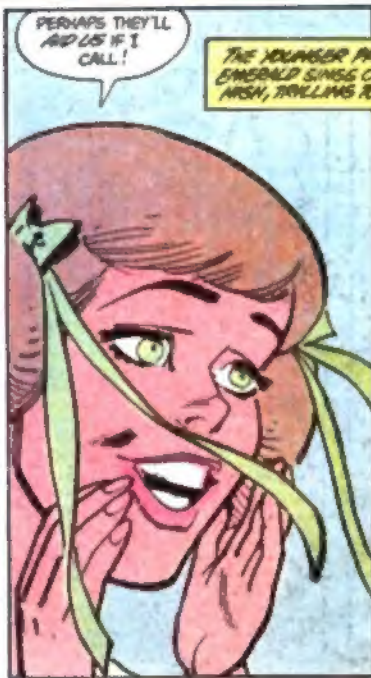
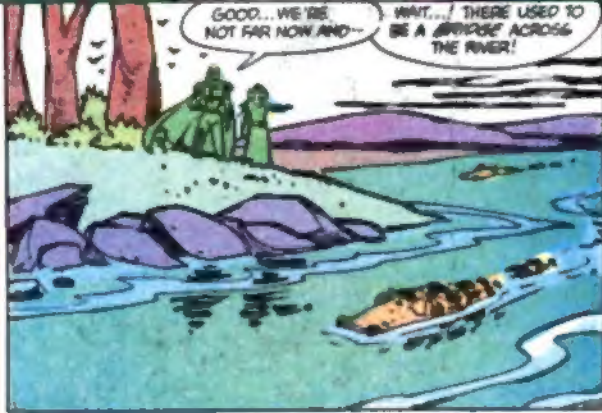


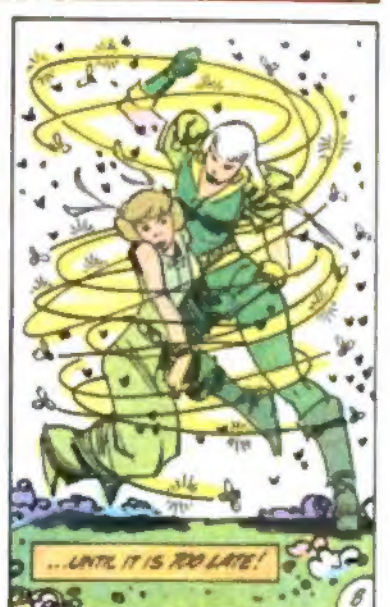
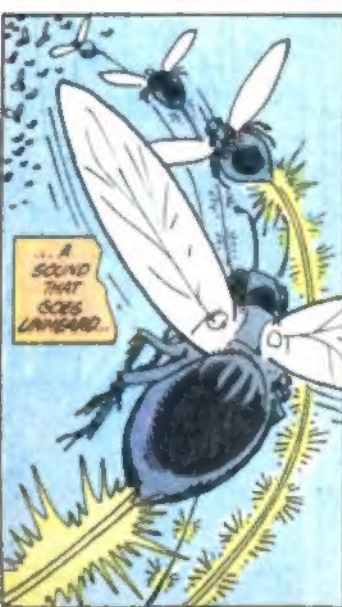
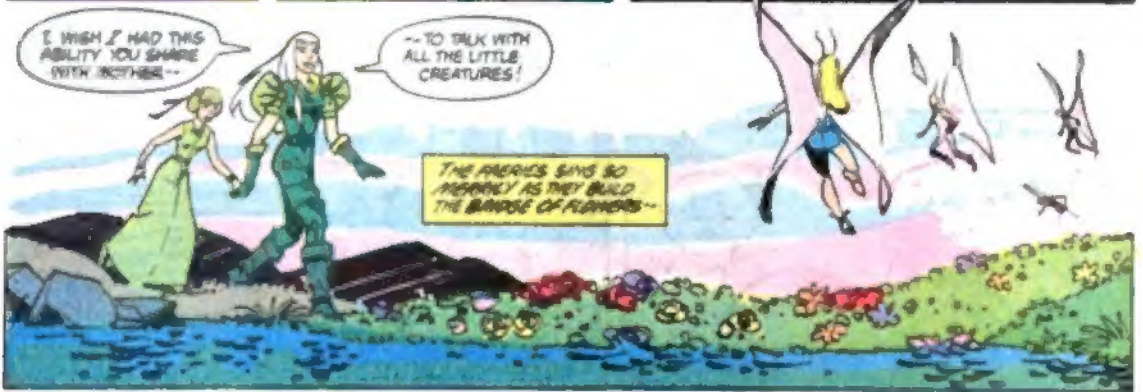
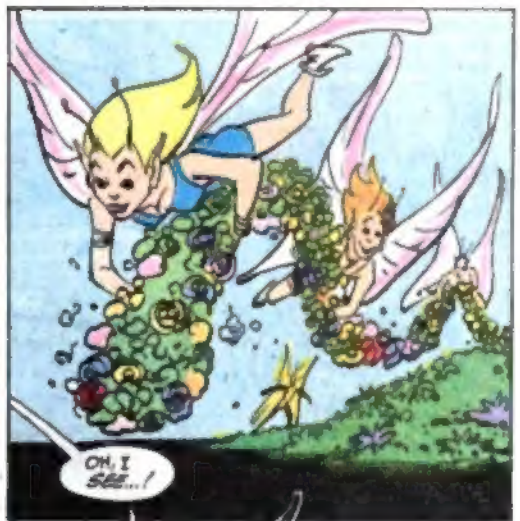


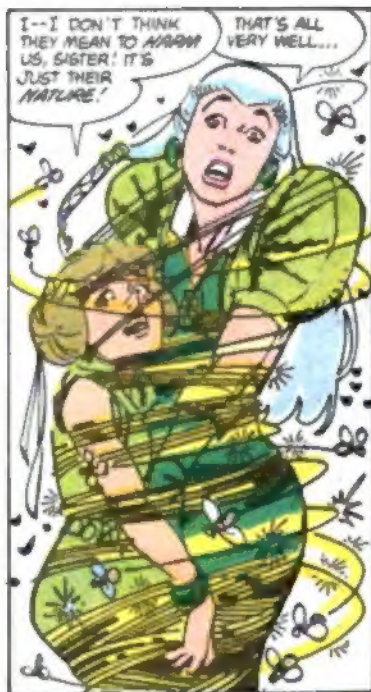


NOW! HIS CLAW REGENERATED AND TOOK LADY TURQUOISE BY SURPRISE! I GRABBED HER WITH MY ARMOR JUST IN TIME!









I--I DON'T THINK THEY MEAN TO HARM US, SISTER! IT'S JUST THEIR NATURE!

THAT'S ALL VERY WELL...



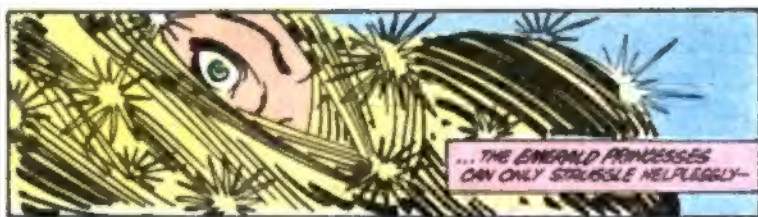
BUT WHETHER THEY MEAN US HARM OR NOT--

--WE ARE IN TERRIBLE DANGER!



OVERCOME BY THE SHEER NUMBERS OF THE INSECTS...

...THEIR OWN MAGIC DAMPENED BY THE GOLD COCON...



...THE EMERALD PRINCESSES CAN ONLY STRUGGLE HELPLESSLY--



--AS FORGETFUL FABLES TITTLER WITH EMBARRASMENT--



MY LORD, THERE'S A DISTURBANCE UP AHEAD! SHOULD WE--

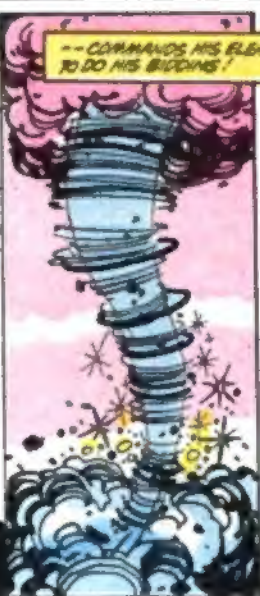


MAINTAIN A STEADY COURSE, WARRYT...

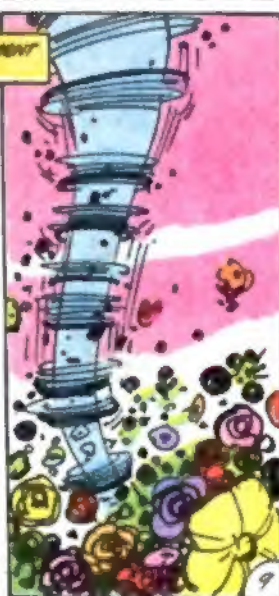
A MOMENT'S TIME IS ALL I'LL NEED!

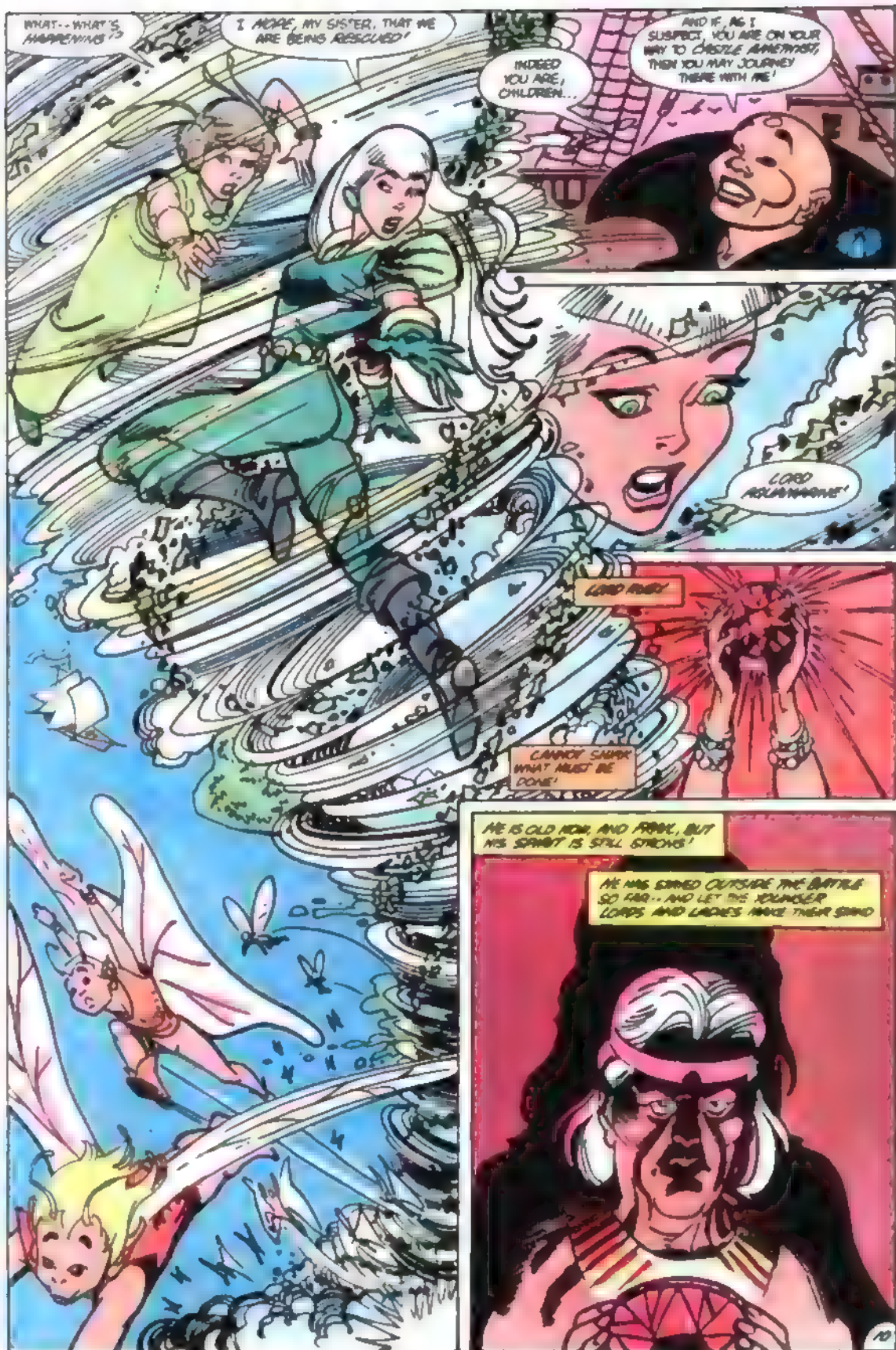


THEN, WITH A SINGLE GESTURE, THE SEA LORD OF DESERT ISLANDS--



--COMMANDS HIS ELEMENT TO DO HIS BIDDING!





WHAT... WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

I HOPE, MY SISTER, THAT WE
ARE BEING RESCUED!

INDDED
YOU ARE,
CHILDREN...

AND IF, AS I
SUSPECT, YOU ARE ON YOUR
WAY TO CHASTLE AMETHYST,
THEN YOU MAY JOURNEY
THERE WITH ME!

LORD
RELMAGNE!

LORD RUBY!

CANNOT SAY
WHAT MUST BE
DONE!

HE IS OLD NOW, AND FRAIL, BUT
HIS SPIRIT IS STILL STRONG!

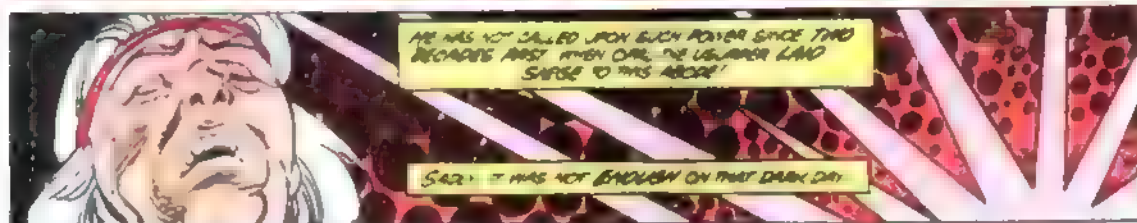
HE HAS EARNED OUTSIDE THE BATTLE
SO FAR... AND LET THE YOUNGER
LORDS AND LADIES HAVE THEIR SHINE



BUT THIS IS HIS
HOUSE

AND THE POWER OF HIS SON
MUST BE LET LOOSE--

-- TO PRESERVE WHAT
MAY REMAIN OF THE
RUDDY RUBIES



HE HAS NOT CALLED UPON SUCH POWER SINCE TWO
DECADES AGO! WHEN ONLY THE UGLIER LAND
SURGE TO HIS AID!

SAD! IT WAS NOT ENOUGH ON THAT DARK DAY!



BUT FOR THE
CONSPIRACY
CARRIED ON
BY HIS SON
FOR THE FORTH ON
MOUNTAIN



-- IS EQUAL TO
THE JOB AT
HAND

EQUAL TO
THE TASK



-- AND MORE!

YOU CAN LET
DOWN YOUR
BOWS NOW,
AMETHYST

OLD
RUBY'S
MAGIC HAS
HELPED
US



AMM! IN SCHOOL WE LEARNED
THAT SCIENTISTS USE RUBIES
TO MAKE LASER LIGHT!

LORD RUBY'S
BEAM LOOKED
JUST LIKE THAT
A 'MAGIC
LASER'!

BUT HE'S AMETHYST AND
HER ALICE HAS GAINED
ANOTHER CHANCE--



THE ADORABLE EMBASSIES
OF WAR HAVE RETURNED TO
THEIR DESTRUCTIVE DUTIES

AND WHEN EACH
MEETS MOMENTS--



--THE ODOR OF DEATH'S
THEM BACK TO THE HEARD
REALM THAT SAVED
THEM FROM EVER MORE
SLIP--

LORD RUBY KNOWS
THIS WELL



BUT HE IS PREPARED
TO DEFEND HIS BATTERED
MOMIE TO THE DEATH!



WE MAY DOUBT THESE STRANGERS YET! AMETHYST

HERE ON MOMIE SOUND,
RUBY'S STILL IMMENSELY
POWERFUL - DESPITE
HIS YEARS

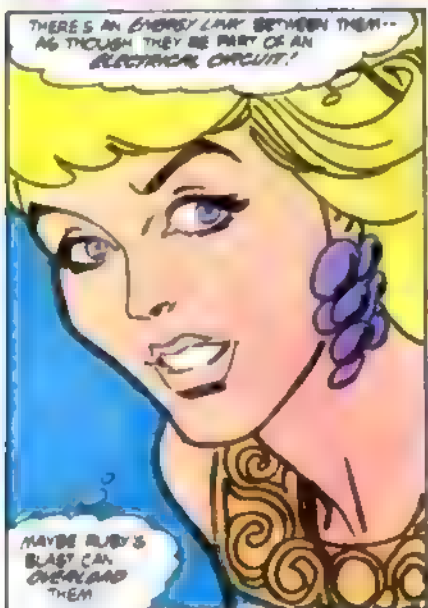


AND AS THE POWER THAT FLOWS FROM THE
HORN DETROCK OF HIS PLACE'S FACE
RAYSES - LORD RUBY'S NEITHERED HANDS



IT APPEARS A TRUTH--

--THEY AMETHYST COULD
ON - GUESS AT
HEREFORE

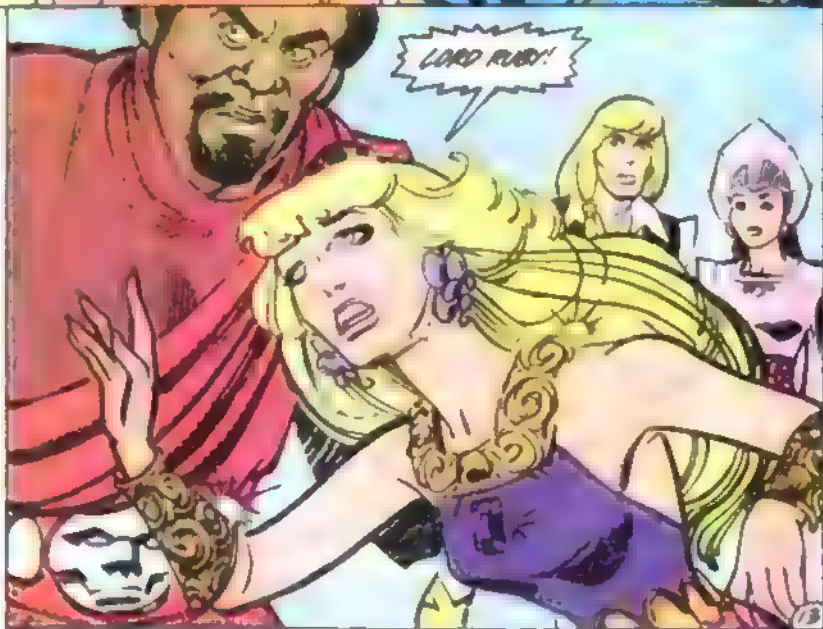
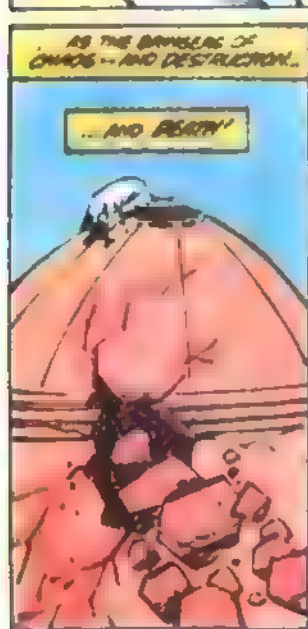
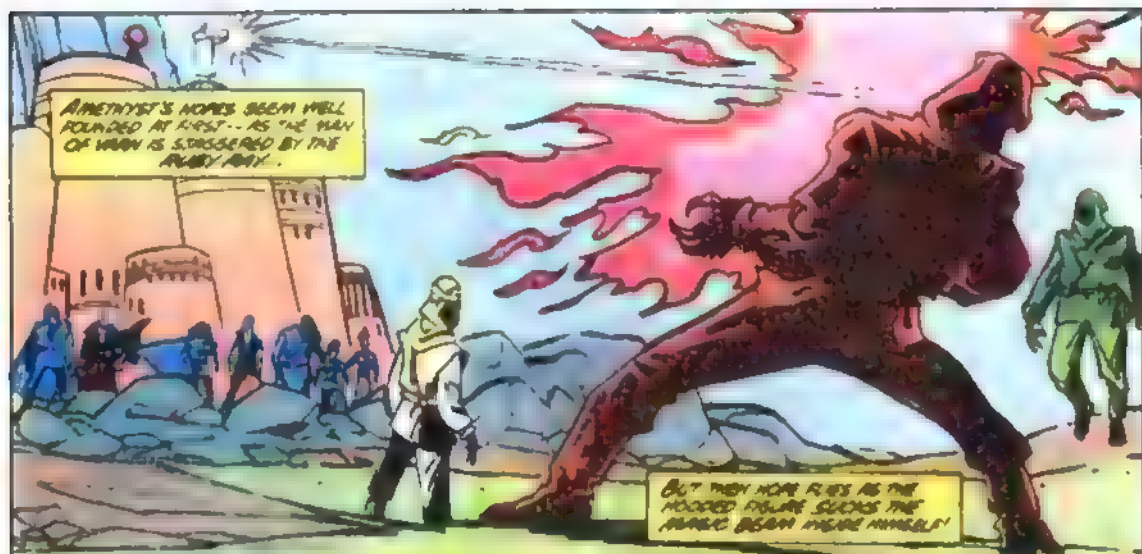


THERE'S AN ENERGY LINK BETWEEN THEM--
AS THOUGH THEY BE PART OF AN
ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT!

MAYBE RUBY'S
BLAST CAN
OVERLOAD
THEM



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BEHIND ALL THE
EVIL THAT HAS
SPREAD LIKE A
CANCER ON THE
SEAWORLD--

--STANDS THE
GREATEST VILLAIN
THAT WORLD HAS
EVER KNOWN.

THIS IS
HIS
HOME.

DARK OWL
IS HIS NAME!

MY DEAR LADY
SAPPHIRE, I HAVE
FAILED YOU-- AND
I AM GREATLY
TROUBLED BY IT!

THINK NO MORE
OF IT MY LORD. IT
IS FORGOTTEN!

BUT I CANNOT FORGET! YOU
SWORE FEALTY TO ME AND
GAVE TO ME A FORGEMINT
OF YOUR SEAWORLD--

IN TURN I PROMISED YOU A
HUSBAND-- BUT YOUR MARRIAGE
TO PRINCE TORANE WAS THWARTED
BY THE PRINCESS ANETHYST!

--THAT I MIGHT WEAR
UPON THE BREASTPLATE
AND GAIN VAST POWER
THEREBY!

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I TELL YOU IT IS
NOTHING, LORD
OWL!

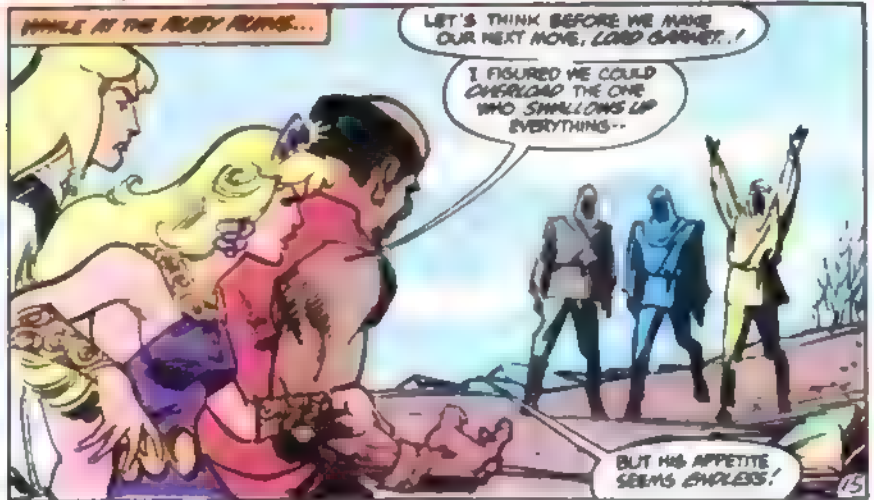
AND FAR BETTER FOR ME
TO HAVE YOU IN MY DEBT
THAN ME IN YOURS!

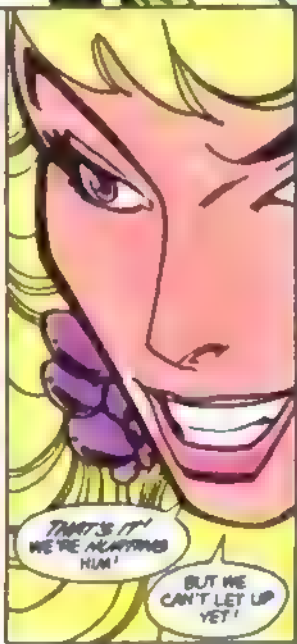
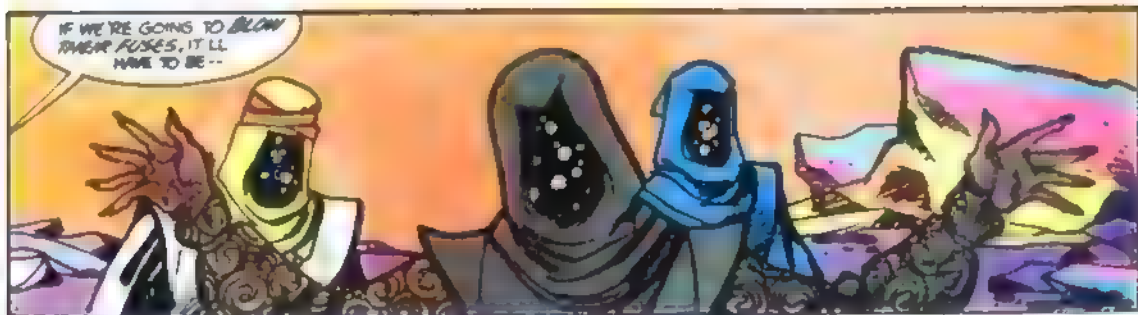
YOU ARE TOO FORGIVING,
LADY. BUT I WILL NOT
HEAR IT!

I SAID I WOULD
FIND YOU A HUSBAND
AND SO I SHALL!

AND SO
IN FACT,
NONE!

LADY SAPPHIRE, I
PRESENT YOU WITH YOUR
NEW BESTFRIEND!



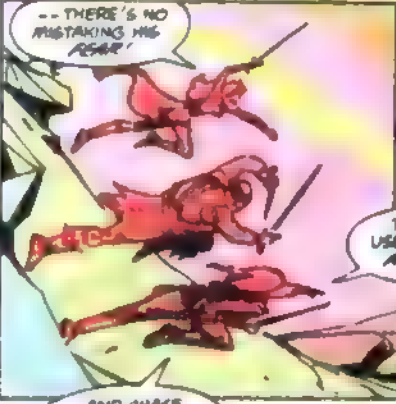




HIS FELLOWS
SEEK TO AID HIM,
PRINCEPS!

IT WON'T DO THEM
ANY GOOD!

THE OTHER TWO CAN'T
FUNCTION AS LONG AS WE
KEEP THE ONE IN THE
MIDDLE RUNNING SCARED!



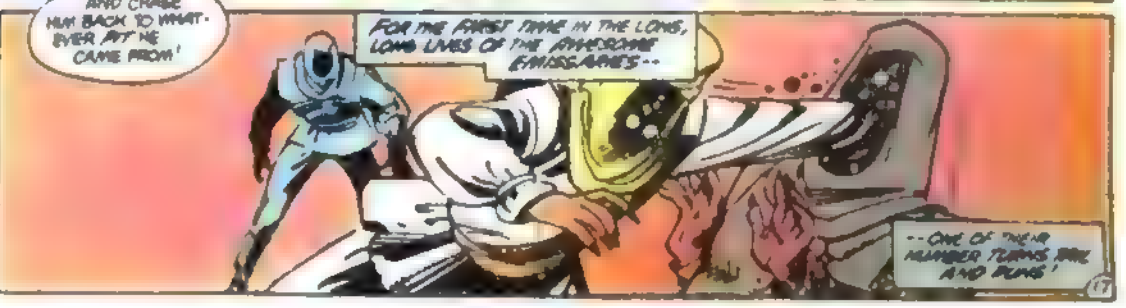
-- THERE'S NO
MISTAKING HIS
REAR!



AND EVEN THOUGH
HE HADN'T GOT A
FACE...

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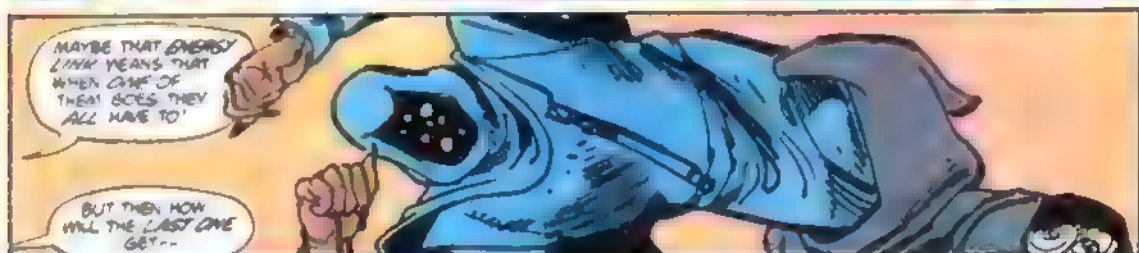
THEN WE'LL
USE THAT TO OUR
ADVANTAGE.

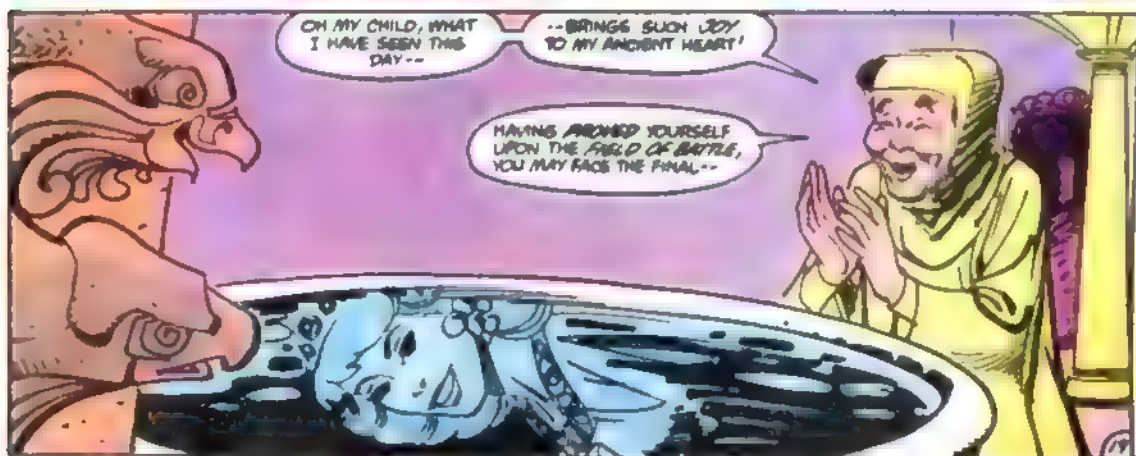
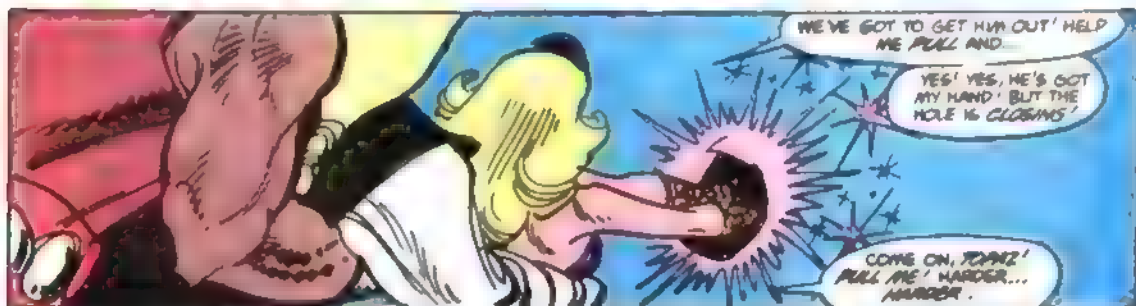


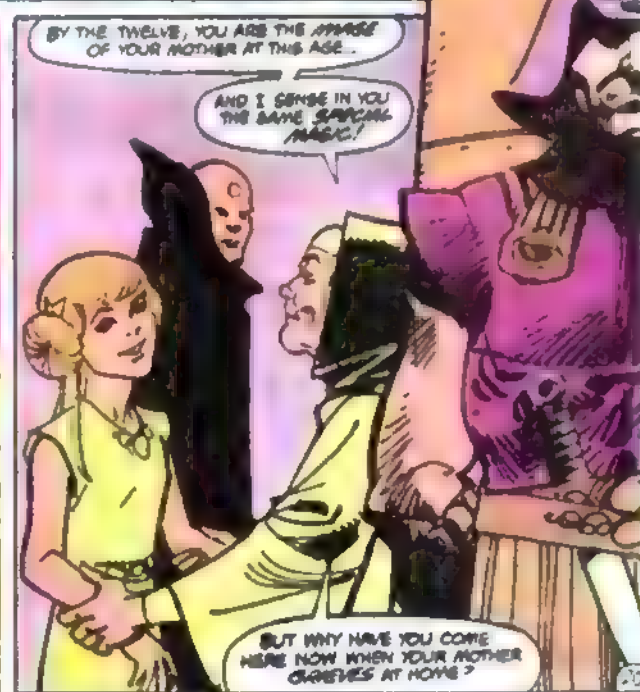
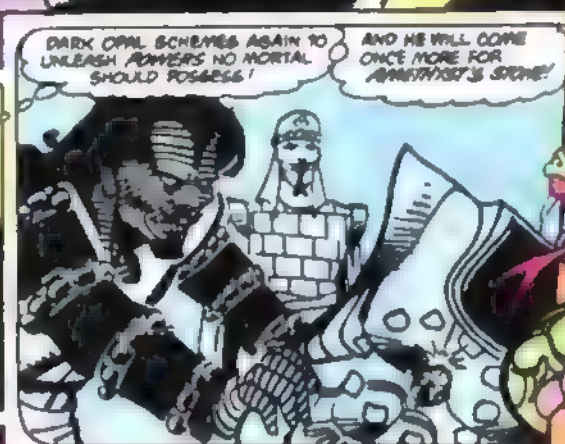
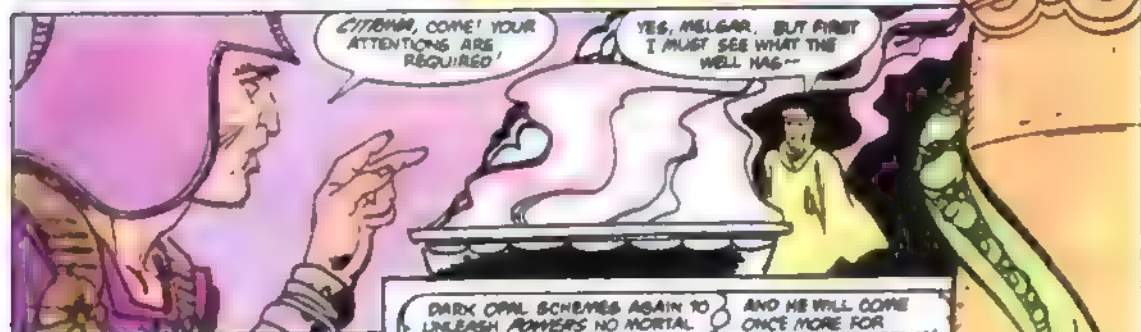
AND CHASE
HIM BACK TO WHAT
EVER PIT HE
CAME FROM!

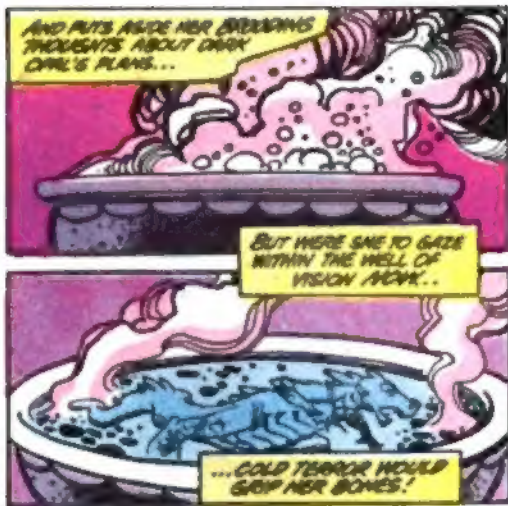
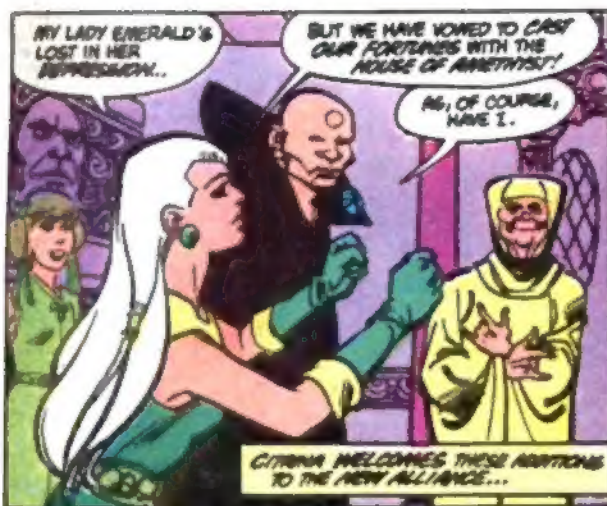
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE LONG,
LONG LIVES OF THE HYPERBORN
EMISSARIES--

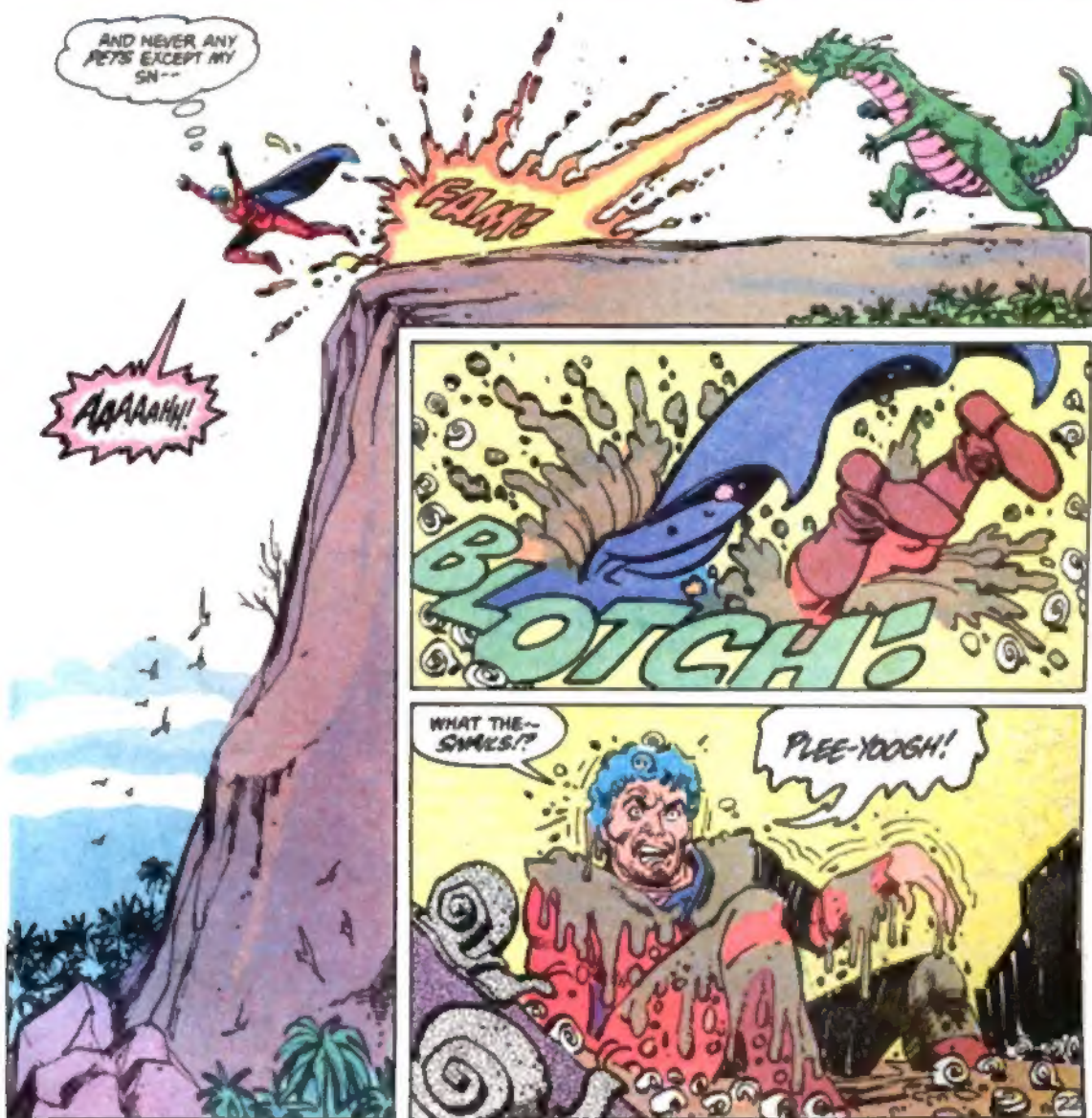
-- ONE OF THEIR
NUMBER TURNS THE
AND RUNS!















Dear Friends,

I suppose I should have expected it in a series with a definite end-point, but Granch's death took me totally by surprise. I was shocked. By the way, that's a compliment. A series with no surprises, good or unpleasant, isn't worth reading and the unpleasant turns usually add to the realism of a series if not overused.

Other comments on #6: The artwork continues to be innovative as well as excellent. The story is well-paced and although it continues to further the main story-line, it was entertaining all by itself.

I'll be waiting to see what happens next.

Your friend,

Dennis K. Catucci
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Dear Dan, Gary, Ernie and Karen,

You got me. I fully expected Granch's army to be defeated, but I had no idea that it would go as far as Granch himself "buying the farm." And what was great was that it was well done. In many of today's comics death is taken so lightly that it is brushed off or overdramatized; you did not do that.

Your grasp of the characters in this book is flawless and the story engrossing. This is due to writing as well as art, which is the best I have ever seen Ernie Colon do. He seems to be born to do this book. Of course, I can't forget the major contributions of John Costanza and Tom Ziuko (How do you pronounce that?), coloring and lettering are important in every book, but especially so in a fantasy book such as *Amethyst*.

I hope the rest of the series lives up to the first half's standards.

Sincerely,

Randell Meredith
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It's always hard for a creative team to "arrange" for the death of a character. Randell, especially when he's a brave, kind, honest man of integrity, as was Granch. Now Amethyst's first, trusted friend has left her and she is truly alone to face the dangers and mysteries of the Gemworld. Our princess does do okay for herself as we've been seeing, but as we read last issue, Amethyst will never forget Granch. And oh yes, colorful Tom Ziuko's last name is pronounced "Zoo-ko."

Dear People of Purple Prose,

Bravo! *Amethyst* has always been one of my favorite gemstones, and

purple one of my favorite colors, so it seems only fitting that my favorite comic should be *AMETHYST* (though I would have loved it anyway!).

Not only have you come up with a fantastic storyline, but the artwork to do it justice. In fact, I could rave for hours about either one!!! So, let's get down to specifics, I loved the artwork on page 7, it was (Dare I say it?) a work of art, and the cover was breath-taking. I also like the fact that *Amethyst* is finally getting to develop the talents necessary to possibly overcome Dark Opal. I also think that her classmate Rita having dark opal as her birthstone is significant (?!?)

Well, to finish off, keep up the good work, I'll be waiting.

Jennifer Harrison
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The cover for "Last Goodbyes" certainly was breathtaking. Jennifer, and I'd like to thank George Peres (and Ernie of course) for doing such a wonderful job. George pencilled and inked the spectacular jeweled frame on cover #4 and has either pencilled or done layouts on all the covers since. AND I'm happy to say will be contributing his superb talents to the rest of the covers of this series!

Dear Dan, Gary and Ernie,

Since *Amethyst* came out, I've been watching and enjoying.

It seems that this is a once in a lifetime event. The character is original, the circumstances are unique and the handling of the storytelling is excellent.

Amethyst is without a doubt, DC's best effort in years.

The art is just right: nicely balanced layouts, effective use of contrasts (in shading, use of harsh lines and gentle curves, Tom's colors). The script reveals precisely the right amount of information to keep the reader intrigued and willing to move onward.

The various characters are given action and dialogue that bring their individuality out in layers; we find the good in the evil and the reverse. We see the growth or diminution of each character as he or she encounters new and different obstacles.

Quite simply, *Amethyst* as character and *Amethyst* as comic has a refreshing, engaging atmosphere about it. This book will wind up a classic.

Now that the series is half over, I am pleased and saddened by *Amethyst*'s decision to return to her native dimension permanently. For the character of

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Amethyst it will be an opportunity to learn, grow and fight an oppressive evil. For the character of Amy it will be the leaving of her parents, friends and of course, Taffy. Each side of the whole of Amy/*Amethyst* will have diametrically opposed feelings at first. How this emotional conflict will be overcome should make all the other coming events even more interesting.

I, for one, am eager to see where *Amethyst* will go from here.

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Dear Karen,

I love the way *Amethyst* has been constructed so far. The first five issues have seemingly served to introduce us to the wonders of the Gemworld. They also allow us to become more familiar with the main characters to be involved in the final conflict between Opal and *Amethyst*. With this sixth issue we have seen the last of Amy's parents for probably the rest of this part of the series (who's to say what will happen after the twelfth issue?). Granch is now dead and I can only assume that Citrina will be less of a major character now.

Hopefully, Garnet will become more of a pivotal person in the fate of the Gemworld as will Topaz (my birthstone) and Rita, Amy's classmates and friend on Earth. The only thing that really has me wondering now is why does *Amethyst* have to be the savior of the Gemworld? Aren't there any others on that world who are as strong if not stronger than the power of the *amethyst*? Oh well! Until the next issue!

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Pratt
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Most of the royal Ladies and Lords of the Gemworld have strong magical powers. Kevin, but first and foremost, they are people of principle and tradition. Since, Amethyst's parents were the rulers of the dimension before they were killed by Dark Opal, their house still retains the true seat of leadership. Thus, Amethyst is the rightful ruler of the Gemworld and only she can restore peace and harmony. Of course, not everyone thinks that way. If they did, our whole story would be completely different!

Next month: More magic and mystery plus the long-awaited map of the Gemworld! Thanks for writing everybody—Karen